

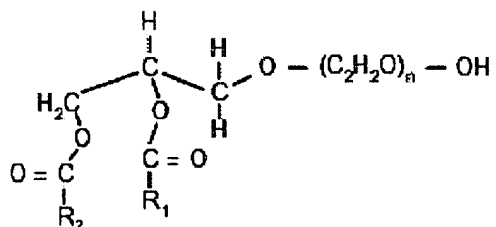
REMARKS

In response to the Office Action of August 10, 2004, the Applicant respectfully submits the following.

Response to Rejection

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 3-9, 22, 25-30, and 40-41 under 35 USC Section 112 as being indefinite. Specifically, the Examiner argues that the definition of "n" has been omitted. In response, the Applicant has amended Claims 1 and 22 to include a definition for "n" as set forth below:

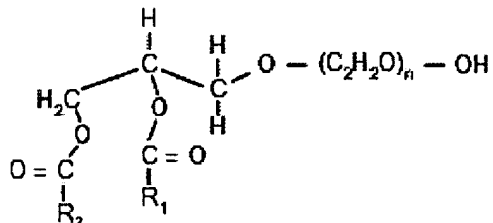
- 1) (Currently amended) A lipid compound represented by the formula



wherein R_1 is a long chain fatty acid, R_2 is a long chain fatty acid, wherein "n" is defining the length of the PEG chain, and

wherein said compound is characterized by the ability to inhibit biological activity of phospholipase A_2 .

22) (Currently amended) A composition of matter comprising one or more lipids having the formula



wherein R₁ is a long chain fatty acid, R₂ is a long chain fatty acid, wherein "n" is defining the length of the PEG chain, and

wherein said compound is further characterized by the ability to inhibit biological activity of cyclooxygenase-2.

The Applicant believes that the indefiniteness asserted by the Examiner has been corrected in the amended claims. Claims 3-9, 25-30, and 40-41 depend from claim 1. Accordingly, allowance of claims 1, 3-9, 22, 25-30, and 40-41 is also respectfully requested.

Other Matters

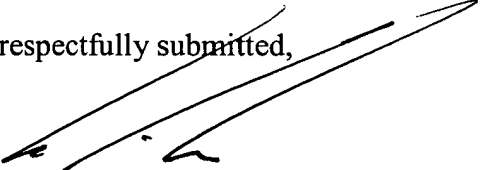
The Applicant acknowledges that claims 46-50 are allowable.

CONCLUSION

For all the reasons above, Applicant submits that the claims all define novel subject matter that is nonobvious. Therefore, allowance of these claims is submitted to be proper and is respectfully requested.

Applicant invites the Examiner to contact Applicant's representative as listed below for a telephonic interview if so doing would expedite the prosecution of the application.

Very respectfully submitted,



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